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A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS INVOLVING THE ELECTRONIC PROPERTIES OF ARTIFICALLY STRUCTURED SEMICONDUCTORS HAVE BEEN STUDIED. THE STUDY OF THE GROUND STATE AND THE ELEMENTARY EXCITATIONS OF A DOUBLE QUANTUM WELL SYSTEM HAS REVEALED THE EXISTENCE OF A NOVEL "EXCITONIC CHARGE DENSITY WAVE STATE." DONOR STATES, BOTH SINGLY AND DOUBLY OCCUPIED, IN A MODULATION DOPED QUANTUM WELL HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED. MAGNETIC POLARON EFFECTS IN A VARIETY OF ARTIFICIAL STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN STUDIED.



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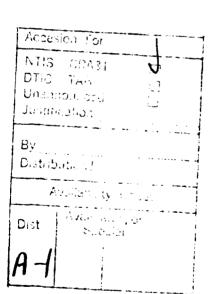
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A. PROBLEMS STUDIED

1. Phase Transitions in Double Quantum Well Systems.

The quasi two-dimensional gas of electrons (or holes) which can occur in certain narrow quantum well systems is known to undergo a transition to a Laughlin condensed state or to a charge density wave state (or Wigner crystal) at very low temperatures and high magnetic fields. We have studied the problem of a pair of two dimensional layers separated by a distance d of the order of the magnetic length $\ell = \frac{\hbar c}{eB}$ in the presence of a strong magnetic field. Here interlayer Coulomb interactions are important and can affect the nature of the ground state.

2. Donor States in Quantum Well Systems.

The spin density functional technique has been used to investigate donor levels in a modulation doped quantum well. The binding energy of the D° (donor with a single bound electron) and D¯ (donor with a pair of bound electrons) states is studied as a function of the electron concentration in the quantum well. The optical properties of a system containing N₁ donors and n₂ electrons (where N₁ < n₂) is studied for N₁ sufficiently small that donor-donor interactions can be ignored.

3. Magnetic Polaron Effects in Artificially Structured Semimagnetic Semiconductors.

The exchange interaction between a free carrier and a magnetic ion leads to a non-linear Schrodinger equation for the electronic wave function. This non-linearity can have dramatic effect on the electronic and transport properties of array of quantum wells, quantum wires and quantum dots. Several different structures have been investigated.

4. Diagrammatic-Method for the Analyses of Finite Multilayer Structures.

We have developed a scheme for determining the response functions and normal modes of a finite array of layers in terms of simple diagrams and rules for associating with each diagram an analytic contribution to the dispersion relation of the excitation being studied. The method has been applied to plasmons, phonons, magnons and electronic states in a finite array of thin layers. We are currently investigating the problem of direct electromagnetic generation of sound in a finite array of space charge layers on a semiconducting substrate.

- B. Summary of Most Important Results
 - separated from a hole layer by a distance d, the ground state for small values of d is a condensed excitonic liquid. By studying the coupled equations of motion of the exciton density, electron density and hole density fluctuations in a generalized time dependent Hartree Fock approximation, we found an instability of the homogenous excitonic liquid for d larger than critical value d_c, where d_c depends on the Landau level filling factor v. The nature of the ground state was explored by assuming that certain correlation functions are non-vanishing in the new state. The new state is called the "excitonic charge density wave state," and its properties and elementary excitations have been investigated.
 - 2. The conditions under which the negatively charge donor state D^- exists in the presence of a free electron gas in a narrow quantum well have been studied. The binding energy and 1S_0 to 1P_1 transition energy have been determined for various sample parameters including the free electron concentration n_s .
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